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Via TELETYPE URGENT-PRIORITY  
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TO: DIRECTOR NR. 089 -09

FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (109-2) (109-103)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE  
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON APRIL 8, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS AN  
OFFICIAL OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE (BAPP) INTELLIGENCE  
SERVICE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

DURING THE MORNING OF APRIL 8, 1976 TERRORISTS ATTACKED  
THE RESIDENCE OF CARLOS SARDAN, AN ARGENTINE EXECUTIVE OF THE  
PFIZER COMPANY, S.A.I.C., IN BOULOGNE, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.  
DURING THE ATTACK ONE OF SARDAN'S GUARDS WAS KILLED AND ANOTHER  
SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. SARDAN ESCAPED INJURY.

IT IS NOTED THAT THE PFIZER COMPANY, S.A.C.I. IS THE  
ARGENTINE SUBSIDIARY OF THE PFIZER CORPORATION, 235 EAST 42ND  
STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.

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ADMINISTRATIVE. SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR OSVALDO DE  
BALDRICH, CHIEF, BAPP INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.

COORDINATED LOCALLY.

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(163) NEW Terrorist Attack against Carlos Sardan, Rf

Pfizer Co., 4/8/76, Buenos Aires Province

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Per

Special Agent in Charge

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS, ARGENTINA; IS, ARGENTINA;  
ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM, ARGENTINA.

ON APRIL 18, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO  
IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE (BAPP)  
INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ATTACKS AGAINST ARGENTINE AFFILIATES OF U. S. CORPORATIONS  
RECENTLY INCREASED DRAMATICALLY IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA.

ON APRIL 18, 1976, TERRORISTS KILLED TWO SECURITY GUARDS  
DURING AN ATTACK AGAINST THE RESIDENCE OF AN ARGENTINE EXECUTIVE"  
OF THE GOODYEAR TIRE AND RUBBER COMPANY, S. A. IN SANTOS LUGARES,  
BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. THE GOODYEAR TIRE AND RUBBER COMPANY, S.A.,  
IS THE ARGENTINE SUBSIDIARY OF GOODYEAR INTERNATIONAL, AKRON, OHIO.

ON APRIL 14, 1976, TERRORISTS ASSASSINATED AN ARGENTINE  
EXECUTIVE OF THE CHRYSLER FEVRE ARGENTINA, S.A.I.C., COMPANY  
AT HIS RESIDENCE IN MORON, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. THE CHRYSLER  
FEVRE S.A.I.C., COMPANY IS THE ARGENTINE SUBSIDIARY OF THE  
CHRYSLER CORPORATION, DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

1 - 163-674 1 - 163-675 1 - 80-185 (DE BALDRICH)

1 - 163-New (UNSUBS ATTACK AGAINST THE CRISTALERIAS RIGOLLEAU CO.,  
BUENOS AIRES, 4/16/76)

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Special Agent in Charge

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ON APRIL 16, 1976, TERRORISTS WOUNDED A SECURITY GUARD DURING AN ATTACK AGAINST THE CRISTALERIAS RIGOLLEAU, S. A., COMPANY IN BERAZATEGUI, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. THE CRISTALERIAS RIGOLLEAU, S. A., COMPANY IS THE ARGENTINE SUBSIDIARY OF THE CORNING GLASS WORKS, CORNING, NEW YORK.

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ADMINISTRATIVE - SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR OSVALDO DE BALDRICH, CHIEF, BAPP INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.

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TO: DIRECTOR (109-12-201) NR. / -04

FROM: LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2)(109-103)(P)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA;  
ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

ON MAY 3, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS  
A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE  
(AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. (S) (U)

SEVERAL DAYS AGO AN ARGENTINE AIR FORCE LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
WAS KIDNAPPED BY THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, THE  
PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP). THE ERP COMMUNICATED WITH  
THE ARGENTINE MILITARY GOVERNMENT INDICATING THEY DESIRED  
TO EXCHANGE THE KIDNAPPED AIR FORCE LIEUTENANT COLONEL FOR  
AN ERP LEADER NAMED ENRIQUEZ, WHO HAD BEEN PICKED UP BY  
ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES. (S) (U)

NO NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE ENTERED INTO BY THE ARGENTINE  
MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR THE RELEASE OF THE KIDNAPPED AIR  
FORCE LIEUTENANT COLONEL SINCE IT IS THE FIRM POLICY OF THE  
ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT NOT TO NEGOTIATE WITH TERRORISTS.

IN ADDITION, ENRIQUEZ DIED WHILE IN CAPTIVITY AND WOULD BE (S) (U)

1 - 109-38

1 - 80-VALIN

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UNAVAILABLE FOR ANY TYPE OF EXCHANGE (S) (U)

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AAIS.] (S) (U) COORDINATED LOCALLY.

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TO: DIRECTOR (109-12-201) NR. 111-04  
FROM: LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2)(109-103)(P)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA;  
ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT DURING LATE JANUARY AND EARLY  
FEBRUARY, 1976, THE MONTONEROS, AN ARGENTINE TERRORIST  
ORGANIZATION, DIRECTED A COMMUNIQUE TO VARIOUS BUSINESS ESTABLISH-  
MENTS IN BUENOS AIRES THREATENING DEATH TO ANY EXECUTIVE  
CONNECTED WITH THESE BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS THAT COLLABORATED  
WITH ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES IN IDENTIFYING WORKERS WHO MIGHT  
HOLD COMMUNIST IDEAS.

ON MAY 3, 1976, JAIME BRAUN BRUNET, PRESIDENT, DOW CHEMICAL  
COMPANY, BUENOS AIRES, ADVISED THAT HE PERSONALLY RECENTLY RECEIVED  
A COPY OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED MONTONERO COMMUNIQUE, WHICH WAS  
DATED FEBRUARY, 1976. BRAUN NOTED THAT THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY  
IN BUENOS AIRES HAD NOT RECEIVED THE EARLIER DISTRIBUTION OF THE  
COMMUNIQUE BY THE MONTONEROS. BRAUN NOTED THAT AFTER THE ~~XXXXXX~~  
MILITARY INTERVENTION IN BUENOS AIRES ON MARCH 23-24, 1976, THE  
DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY DISMISSED SEVERAL EMPLOYEES, WHO CAUSED TROUBLE

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AND AGITATION AT THE COMPANY PLANT. BRAUN NOTED THAT THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY OF ~~THE UNITED STATES~~ IS THE ARGENTINE SUBSIDIARY OF THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY OF THE UNITED STATES.

ON MAY 3, 1976, HERBERT LESHINSKY, MANAGING DIRECTOR, CHRYSLER FEVRE, ARGENTINA, REPORTED THAT FOUR KEY EXECUTIVES OF THE COMPANY <sup>RECENTLY</sup> RECEIVED COPIES OF THE PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED MONTONERO COMMUNIQUE, WHICH WAS DATED IN JANUARY, 1976.

ADDITIONALLY, LESHINSKY REPORTED THAT NUMEROUS THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS WERE <sup>CURRENTLY</sup> BEING RECEIVED AT THE CHRYSLER PLANT IN BUENOS AIRES.

LESHINSKY NOTED THAT CHRYSLER FEVRE, ARGENTINA, ~~XX~~ HAD NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EARLIER DISTRIBUTION OF THE MONTONERO COMMUNIQUE. ~~XX~~ LESHINSKY NOTED THAT CHRYSLER FEVRE, ARGENTINA, IS THE ARGENTINE SUBSIDIARY OF THE CHRYSLER CORPORATION OF THE <sup>UNITED STATES</sup> ~~UNITED STATES~~

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TO: DIRECTOR NR. -05

FROM: *Conf* LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2)(109-103)(P)

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA;  
ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

ON MAY 4, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS AN  
OFFICIAL OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE <sup>(BNPP)</sup> ~~(BNP)~~ INTELLIGENCE  
SERVICE ADVISED THAT ON THE MORNING OF MAY 4, 1976, TERRORISTS  
ASSASSINATED PEDRO J. ROTA, THE DIRECTOR OF THE FIAT AUTOMOBILE  
ASSEMBLY PLANT IN EL PALOMAR, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE (BAP). SOURCE  
REPORTED THAT ROTA, A NATURALIZED ARGENTINE CITIZEN OF ITALIAN  
ORIGIN, WAS INTERCEPTED BY THE TERRORISTS AS HE DEPARTED HIS  
RESIDENCE IN HURLINHAM, BAP.

ON MAY 5, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS AN  
OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA), DEPARTMENT OF  
FEDERAL SECURITY (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION) REPORTED THAT FPA  
STATISTICS INDICATE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN 354 POLITICAL ASSASSINA-  
TIONS IN ARGENTINA SINCE JANUARY 1, 1976. (S) (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE - FIRST SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR OSVALDO DE  
BALDRICH, CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE, BAPP. [SECOND SOURCE IS COMISARIO  
MAYOR VICENTE GALEAZZO, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTELLIGENCE, FPA.] (S) (U)

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FROM: LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2)(109-103)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA;  
ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

ON MAY 6, 1976, JOHN LOSER, AN EXECUTIVE WITH THE ST.  
<sup>'S</sup>  
JOSEPH LEAD CORPORATION, ARGENTINE SUBSIDIARY IN ARGENTINA,  
ADVISED THAT ANGLO-ARGENTINE FAMILY FRIENDS OF THE LOSERS  
REPORTED THAT THEIR SON-IN-LAW, AN ANGLO-ARGENTINE EXECUTIVE  
WITH THE MONSANTO CHEMICAL COMPANY, BUENOS AIRES, HAD BEEN  
KIDNAPPED APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH AGO BY UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS  
AND HIS BODY WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DISCOVERED ALONGSIDE A ROAD IN  
BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. MR. LOSER NOTED THAT NO PUBLICITY  
HAD BEEN AFFORDED TO THE ASSASSINATION AND THAT THE INFORMATION  
WAS CLOSELY HELD BY THE MONSANTO CHEMICAL COMPANY.

IT IS NOTED THAT THE MONSANTO CHEMICAL COMPANY ARGENTINA  
IS THE ARGENTINE SUBSIDIARY OF THE MONSANTO COMPANY, ST. LOUIS,  
MISSOURI.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SECURITY OFFICER

DATE: JUNE 17 , 1976

FROM : RADIO NET CONTROL

SUBJECT: DEATH OF POLICE CHIEF

0135 Hs: Ambulances and several patrol cars are sent urgently to Zabala 1762.

The ambulances are from the Federal Police Hospital and from the Army Hospital. Explosives Squad also on its way to that location. Minister of Interior requests news from Police HQ.

Apparently an explosive device was placed at the residence of the Chief of Police (GRAL. CESAREO CARDOZO .) The bomb was placed in the bedroom and the explosion caused the death of the Chief of Police and seriously injured his wife and some other persons presumably members of his family. Police set up a cordon around the block and patrol cars were sent to different points of access to the city , for exhaustive vehicle control. A helicopter was also dispatched to that area.

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ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.ON JUNE 18, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS  
A RANKING OFFICER OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA)  
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. (S) (U)DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JUNE 18, 1976, FPA CHIEF  
BRIGADIER GENERAL CESAREO A. CARDOZO, <sup>WHO IS</sup> AN ACTIVE DUTY ARGENTINE  
ARMY GENERAL, WAS KILLED WHEN A TERRORIST BOMB DETONATED IN HIS  
APARTMENT IN DOWNTOWN BUENOS AIRES. GENERAL CARDOZO'S MOTHER-  
IN-LAW, WIFE AND DAUGHTER WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED IN THE HOLOCAUST.FPA AND ARGENTINE ARMY UNITS ARE CONDUCTING AN EXTENSIVE  
SWEEPS OF BUENOS AIRES IN AN EFFORT TO DETAIN THE PERPETRATORS.INITIAL FPA INVESTIGATION INDICATES THAT THE BOMB WAS PLACED  
INSIDE OF GENERAL CARDOZO'S APARTMENT BY SOMEONE HAVING ACCESS  
TO THE PREMISES, IT BEING NOTED THAT GENERAL CARDOZO HAS  
NUMEROUS BODYGUARDS AND HIS RESIDENCE IS PROTECTED BY GUARDS  
ON A 24-HOUR DAILY BASIS. (S) (U)CLASSIFIED BY ~~109-1~~ XGDS-2 INDEFINITE.~~SECRET~~ADMINISTRATIVE - [SOURCE IS COMISARIO GENERAL ENRIQUE EVARISTO  
BESTEIRO, DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA.] COORDINATED LOCALLY.

Approved: 1 - 180-214 [BESTEIRO] Sent 10:00 PM Per \_\_\_\_\_

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TO: DIRECTOR (109-12-201) NR. 145-18

FROM: LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2)(109-103)

~~SECRET~~FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA;  
ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

IT WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT THE CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA), BRIGADIER GENERAL CESAREO A. CARDOZO, AN ACTIVE DUTY ARGENTINE ARMY OFFICER, HAD BEEN KILLED DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JUNE 18, 1976, BY A TERRORIST BOMB, WHICH DETONATED IN HIS APARTMENT IN DOWNTOWN BUENOS AIRES.

ON JUNE 18, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

THE PERPETRATOR OF THE BOMBING WHICH KILLED GENERAL CARDOZO AND INJURED SEVERAL MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE AAIS AS LILIANA CASAL, A MEMBER OF THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION ASSOCIATION, THE PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY (ERP). CASAL HAD BEEN DETAINED APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK AGO BY THE FPA, BASED ON INFORMATION SECURED DURING INTERROGATIONS WITH OTHER CAPTURED ERP MEMBERS INDICATING THAT SHE WAS CONNECTED WITH THE GROUP. CASAL WAS A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF GENERAL CARDOZO'S (S) (U)

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1 - 80-VALIN (S) RWS:jn (3) *Ans*  
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DAUGHTER, WHO ASSURED GENERAL CARDOZO THAT CASAL WAS NOT A  
TERRORIST. GENERAL CARDOZO ORDERED CASAL BE RELEASED FROM  
FPA CUSTODY ON HIS AUTHORITY AS CHIEF OF THE FPA. CASAL  
VISITED THE CARDOZO APARTMENT DURING EARLY EVENING OF JUNE  
17, 1976, TO THANK THE CARDOZO FAMILY IN ARRANGING FOR  
HER RELEASE FROM FPA CUSTODY. WHILE AT THE CARDOZO APARTMENT  
CASAL TOLD ~~EXX~~ CARDOZO'S DAUGHTER THAT SHE WANTED TO MAKE  
A VERY PERSONAL TELEPHONE CALL AND CARDOZO'S DAUGHTER ALLOWED  
HER <sup>PRIVATE</sup> ACCESS TO GENERAL CARDOZO'S BEDROOM. ~~EXXEXX~~ CASAL  
TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE A POWERFUL  
BOMB MADE UP OF PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE. ~~(S)~~ (U)

CASAL IS CURRENTLY IN THE CUSTODY OF THE AAIS AND WILL  
BE TURNED OVER TO THE FPA FOR LEGAL PROCESSING. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE - REMYCAB JUNE 18, 1976, WHICH REPORTED  
ON GENERAL CARDOZO'S DEATH. SOURCE IS COLONEL ALBERTO VALIN,  
CHIEF, AAIS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS EXCLUSIVE AND HAS BEEN  
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TO: DIRECTOR (109-12-201) NR. 153-02

FROM: LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2)(109-103)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA;  
ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.ON JULY 2, 1976, AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF  
ARGENTINA (FPA), DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY (INTELLIGENCE  
DIVISION), PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)AT THE NOONTIME LUNCH HOUR AT FPA DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL  
SECURITY HEADQUARTERS, A POWERFUL BOMB DETONATED IN THE CAFETERIA  
KILLING AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE FPA OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AND  
INJURING OVER THIRTY INDIVIDUALS. THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA  
ORGANIZATION CLAIM CREDIT FOR THIS ATROCITY. ~~(S)~~ (U)

COORDINATED LOCALLY.

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MARCOTE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA.] ~~(S)~~ (U)

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TO: DIRECTOR

NR. 156-06

FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (109-2; 109-103)

~~SECRET~~FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE  
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

IT WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT A POWERFUL BOMB DETONATED  
IN THE CAFETERIA OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA)  
DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY (DFS) (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)  
DURING THE NOON LUNCH HOUR OF JULY 2, 1976, KILLING AND INJURING  
A SCORE OF FPA OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES. (S) (U)

ON JULY 4, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS A  
RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE FPA DFS, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING  
INFORMATION. (S) (U)

AS OF JULY 4, 1976, TOTAL DEAD AS A RESULT OF THE JULY  
2, 1976 BOMBING AT THE FPA DFS AMOUNTED TO 18 INDIVIDUALS. SIXTY-  
EIGHT OTHER FPA OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WERE INJURED, SOME  
CRITICALLY AND ARE NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE. (S) (U)

FPA INVESTIGATION ESTABLISHED THAT THE BOMB WHICH DETONATED (S) (U)

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AT THE FPA FEDERAL SECURITY HEADQUARTERS ON JULY 2, 1976 HAD BEEN PLACED AGAINST A SUPPORTING COLUMN IN THE CAFETERIA LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR. WHEN THE BOMB DETONATED, ~~THE~~ <sup>IT</sup> SEVERELY WEAKENED THE SUPPORTING COLUMN CAUSING THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE FPA DFS BUILDING TO COLLAPSE INTO THE CAFETERIA BELOW. EXTENSIVE STRUCTURAL <sup>D</sup>MAGE RESULTED IN THE FPA DFS BUILDING WHICH INCLUDES CRACKS UP TO SIX <sup>INCHES</sup> ~~FT.~~ IN WIDTH AS HIGH AS THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF THE BUILDING. NUMEROUS FILE CABINETS AND OTHER HEAVY EQUIPMENT WERE MOVED CLOSER TO OUTER WALLS AND SUPPORTING COLUMNS TO AVOID THE POSSIBLE COLLAPSE OF OTHER FLOORS IN THE BUILDING. THERE IS A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY THAT THE BUILDING WILL HAVE TO BE COMPLETELY ABANDONED DUE TO ~~RESULTING~~ STRUCTURAL WEAKNESSES. ~~(S)~~ (U)

FPA INVESTIGATION ESTABLISHED THAT THE BOMB WAS PROBABLY PLACED BY A RETIRED FPA SERGEANT WHO HAD BEEN RECALLED TO TEMPORARY ACTIVE DUTY. IT IS NOTED THAT THE FPA SGT. IN QUESTION WAS SEEN ENTERING FPA <sup>DFS</sup> ~~FEDERAL SECURITY~~ HEADQUARTERS APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF OUR BEFORE THE BOMB DETONATED CARRYING A PACKAGE <sup>ABOUT</sup> ~~APPROXIMATELY~~ ONE FT. SQUARE, WHICH WAS BELIEVED TO CONTAIN THE BOMB. THE SGT. WAS SUBSEQUENTLY OBSERVED DEPARTING FPA ~~(S)~~ (U)

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~~FEDERAL SECURITY~~ HEADQUARTERS WITHOUT THE PACKAGE AND HIS  
 WHEREABOUTS ARE CURRENTLY UNKNOWN. ~~(S)~~ (U)

AS A RESULT OF THE BOMBING, CONSIDERABLE BAD FEELING IMMEDIATELY DEVELOPED WITHIN THE FPA COMMISSIONED OFFICERS RANKS SINCE THE RECENTLY APPOINTED FPA CHIEF, ARMY BRIGADIER GEN. ARTURO CORBETTA HAD LAID THE LAW DOWN AS IT WERE TO FPA INTELLIGENCE DIVISION OFFICIALS WITH REGARD TO ~~EX~~TRALEGAL FPA ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE TERRORIST TARGET. GEN. CORBETTA HAD ISSUED STRICT INSTRUCTIONS THAT ALL EXTRALEGAL FPA ACTIVITY WAS TO CEASE IMMEDIATELY AND THAT ONLY LEGAL MEANS WERE TO BE EMPLOYED BY THE FPA ~~DFS~~ IN COMBATING THE WIDESPREAD TERRORISM WHICH EXISTS IN ARGENTINA. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER MANY FPA ~~DFS~~ OFFICIALS ARE CONVINCED THAT LEGAL METHODS ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO CRUSH WIDESPREAD TERRORISM IN ARGENTINA AND IN FACT, EXTRALEGAL ACTIVITIES BY ARGENTINA SECURITY FORCES, INCLUDING THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES AND THE FPA, ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. FEELING AGAINST GEN. CORBETTA DURING THE WEEKEND OF JULY 3-4, 1976 GREW TO THE POINT THAT SEVERAL IMPORTANT FPA ~~DFS~~ OFFICIALS ACCUSED GEN. CORBETTA OF BEING A LEFTIST AND EVEN A MEMBER OF THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION. ONE SUCH OFFICIAL TO OPENLY VOICE HIS CRITICISM OF GEN. CORBETTA

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 WAS THE DIRECTOR OF ~~FEDERAL SECURITY~~, A CAREER FPA OFFICER WITH ~~(S)~~ (U)

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THE RANK OF COMISARIO GENERAL. THE DIRECTOR OF FPA <sup>DFS</sup> ~~FEDERAL~~ SECURITY WHO VOICED HIS CRITICISM OF GEN. CORBETTA IS A TRUSTED CONFIDANT OF BRIGADIER GEN. ALBANO HARGUINDEGUY, THE INCUMBENT MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR AND FORMER FPA CHIEF. (S) (U)

ON JULY 5, 1976, A SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS ALSO A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE FPA DFS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

NUMEROUS FPA DFS OFFICIALS WHO HAVE CLOSELY WORKED WITH THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES, SPECIFICALLY THE ARGENTINA ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, IN COMBATING GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES IN ARGENTINA, HAVE CONTACTED THEIR ARGENTINE ARMY COUNTERPARTS TO BITTERLY COMPLAIN ABOUT GEN. CORBETTA'S ORDERS AND HIS GENERAL BEHAVIOUR IN HIS RECENTLY ACQUIRED POSITION AS FPA CHIEF. THROUGH THESE SENIOR ARGENTINE ARMY CONTACTS FPA DFS OFFICIALS WERE ASSURED THAT GEN. CORBETTA WOULD BE REPLACED AS FPA CHIEF. SEVERAL SENIOR FPA DFS OFFICIALS FEARED THAT GEN. CORBETTA, UNLESS HE WAS PROMPTLY RELIEVED FROM HIS POSITION AS FPA CHIEF, WOULD TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION AGAINST THE FPA DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY BECAUSE OF HIS OUTSPOKEN CRITICISM. OF GEN. CORBETTA. (S) (U)

LATER ON JULY 5, 1976, GEN. CORBETTA ~~XXXXX~~ ANNOUNCED THAT THE FPA (S) (U)

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DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY, AS WELL AS THE FPA DIRECTOR OF METROPOLITAN SECURITY, HAD BEEN FIRED FROM THEIR POSITIONS ~~BECAUSE~~ ~~BEFORE~~ HE HELD THEM PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE IN FAILING TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO PREVENT THE JULY 2, 1976 BOMBING OF THE FPA DEPARTMENT OF SECURITY HEADQUARTERS, AS WELL AS <sup>A</sup> ~~THE~~ BOMBING ON <sup>JUNE</sup> ~~JULY~~ 15, 1976 WHICH KILLED THE FORMER FPA CHIEF, BRIGADIER GENERAL CESAREO CARDOSO. GEN. CORBETTA IN HIS PUBLIC STATEMENT INDICATED THAT, FOLLOWING <sup>1</sup> HIS LINE OF REASONING IN ASSIGNING INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY RESULTING IN THE DISMISSAL OF THE FPA DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY AND METROPOLITAN SECURITY, <sup>He was</sup> ~~REQUESTED~~ <sup>ING</sup> THAT HIS SUPERIOR, THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, ~~WHOXXXXX~~ CONSIDER ~~WH~~ WHETHER IT BE APPROPRIATE THAT HE CONTINUE AS FPA CHIEF. (S) (U)

ON JULY 6, 1976, A THIRD CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS ASSIGNED TO THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, ADVISED THAT THE MINISTER WAS ANGERED <sup>E</sup> ~~OVER~~ <sup>ACT 1005</sup> GEN. CORBETTA'S ACCUSATIONS AND STATEMENTS AND HAD INDICATED HE BELIEVED THAT GEN. CORBETTA HAD SERIOUSLY EMBARRASSED THE ARGENTINE ARMY AND WAS RESORTING TO PETTY POLITICS IN THE DISMISSAL OF THE TWO SENIOR FPA COMISARIOS GENERALES. THIS SOURCE ADVISED THAT GEN. CORBETTA WOULD BE REPLACED BY ANOTHER ACTIVE DUTY ARGENTINE ARMY BRIGADIER GENERAL, PROBABLY BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, JULY 6, 1976. (S) (U)

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THE SOURCE ADVISED THAT HE BELIEVED GEN. OJEDA, THE COMMANDER  
OF <sup>AN</sup> ~~THE~~ ARGENTINE ARMY ARMORED DIVISION IN TANDIL, BUENOS AIRES  
PROVINCE, WOULD BE DESIGNATED THE NEW FPA CHIEF. SOURCE ADVISED  
THAT THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR HAD COMMENTED THAT FROM  
ALL INFORMATION REACHING HIM, THE FPA OFFICERS CORPS WAS IN A  
VIRTUAL STATE OF MUTINY WHICH <sup>C</sup>OULD ONLY BE RESOLVED BY THE  
SACKING OF GEN. CORBETTA. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE. REMYCABLE, JULY 2, 1976.

FIRST SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE MARCOTE,  
<sup>FPA DFS</sup>  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ~~DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY~~, FPA.

SECOND SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR VICENTE GALEAZZO,  
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTELLIGENCE, DFS, FPA. ~~(S)~~ (U)

THIRD SOURCE IS COMISARIO GUILLERMO OSCAR ICELY, FPA,  
<sup>OFFICE OF THE</sup>  
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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE  
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON JULY 5, 1976, HERBERT LESHINSKY, MANAGING DIRECTOR,  
CHRYSLER FERE ARGENTINA, A SUBSIDIARY OF THE CHRYSLER  
CORPORATION OF THE UNITED STATES, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING  
INFORMATION:

DURING THE PAST WEEK, NINE EXECUTIVES OF CHRYSLER  
FERE ARGENTINA HAVE RECEIVED A FORM LETTER FROM THE MONTONERO  
GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION THREATENING RETALIATION SHOULD THE  
EXECUTIVES COOPERATE WITH SECURITY FORCES IN IDENTIFYING  
CHRYSLER FERE ARGENTINA EMPLOYEES AS GUERRILLAS. A POSTSCRIPT  
TO THE MONTONERO FORM LETTER INDICATES THAT SIMILAR LETTERS  
WERE BEING SIMULTANEOUSLY MAILED TO MORE THAN 2,000 OTHER  
EXECUTIVES FROM 200 COMPANIES IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL OF BUENOS  
AIRES AND BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.

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ON JUNE 30, 1976, IT WAS NECESSARY TO SPIRIT A CHRYSLER  
FEBRE ARGENTINA EXECUTIVE OUT OF THE COUNTRY TO SAO PAULO,  
BRAZIL BECAUSE OF SURVEILLANCE AND SHADOWING ACTIVITIES  
CARRIED OUT AGAINST THE EXECUTIVE, WHO IS THE <sup>COMPANIES</sup> CHIEF OF  
ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL. ~~FOR CHRYSLER FEBRE ARGENTINA.~~  
IN ADDITION TO SHADOWING AND SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES  
AGAINST THIS EXECUTIVE, THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS FROM THE  
MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION WERE ALSO RECEIVED BY THE  
EXECUTIVE AT HIS RESIDENCE AND AT THE <sup>COMPANIES BUENOS AIRES</sup> ~~CHRYSLER FEBRE~~  
~~ARGENTINA~~ PLANT.

ON MAY 29, 1976, THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE  
SERVICE (AAIS) ADVISED LESHINSKY THAT MEMBERS OF A CELL OF  
THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP), ANOTHER ARGENTINE  
TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, HAD BEEN EXTRALEGALLY DETAINED BY THE  
AAIS AND UNDER INTERROGATION PROVIDED DETAILS OF AN OPERATION  
IDENTIFIED BY THE CODE NAME "MORON." ACCORDING TO INFORMATION  
PROVIDED BY THE AAIS, "OPERATION MORON" ENTAILED THE ASSASSINATION  
OF LESHINSKY. THE AAIS ADVISED THAT LESHINSKY HAD BEEN UNDER

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SURVEILLANCE AND THAT HIS COMPANY CAR AND VEHICLES USED TO TRANSPORT HIS BODYGUARDS HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED. THE AAIS ADVISED THAT THE LEADER OF THE ERP CELL, IDENTIFIED AS "CAPTAIN MIGUEL", HAD MANAGED TO ESCAPE; HOWEVER, APPROXIMATELY 60% OF THE ERP CELL ASSIGNED TO "OPERATION MORON" HAD BEEN DETAINED BY THE AAIS. THE ASSASSINATION OF LESHINSKY WAS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON MAY 31, 1976. IT IS NOTED THAT LESHINSKY SPENT THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1976 IN BRAZIL ON CHRYSLER CORPORATION BUSINESS.

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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON JULY 6, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS  
A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA)  
DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY (DFS) (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)  
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

DURING THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 6, 1976, THE WIFE OF AN FPA  
DFS COMMISSIONED OFFICER WAS KIDNAPPED IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL  
BY UNKNOWN SUBJECTS PRESUMED TO BE TERRORISTS. AS OF THE  
EVENING OF JULY 6, 1976 NO COMMUNICATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED  
FROM THE KIDNAPPERS. (S) (U)

THE DEATH TOLL FROM THE JULY 2, 1976 MONTONERO TERRORIST  
ORGANIZATION BOMBING OF DFS HEADQUARTERS ROSE TO 20 ON JULY  
6, 1976, WHEN TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS DIED OF THEIR INJURIES. (S) (U)

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THE FPA BOMB SQUAD COMPLETED THEIR ANALYSIS OF THE JULY 2, 1976 MONTONERO BOMBING OF DFS HEADQUARTERS AND CONCLUDED THAT THE BOMB WAS COMPOSED OF AT LEAST EIGHT KILOS OF TROTYL, SIMILAR TO PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES, AND HAD BEEN FABRICATED IN THE FORM OF A CLAYMORE-TYPE BOMB, UTILIZING BALL BEARINGS TO INSURE HEAVIER PERSONNEL CASUALTIES. A SECOND BOMB WAS DISCOVERED ON JULY 2, 1976 IN A LAVATORY AT DFS HEADQUARTERS BUT HAD BEEN DEFUSED BY FPA EXPLOSIVE EXPERTS. THE FPA BOMB SQUAD CONCLUDED THAT SHOULD THE SECOND BOMB HAVE DETONATED, IT WOULD HAVE ~~BEEN~~ VIRTUALLY LEVELED DFS HEADQUARTERS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

AS ANTICIPATED, THE ARGENTINE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR CONFIRMED THE APPOINTMENT OF BRIGADIER GENERAL EDMUNDO OJEDA AS CHIEF OF THE FPA. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE. REMYCABLE JULY 6, 1976.

[SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE MARCOTTE, ACTING DIRECTOR OF DFS.] ~~(S)~~ (U)

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 FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA;  
 ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

FOR INFORMATION, DURING THE EVENING OF JULY 2, 1976  
 AN OFFICIAL OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF THE LATTER  
 DAY SAINTS (MORMON CHURCH), ADVISED THAT ON JUNE 27<sup>6</sup>, 1976,  
 TWO MORMON MISSIONARIES, PETER ALLEN SHAW AND THAYNE  
 LARSON, WERE ABDUCTED NEAR THEIR MISSION IN CORRIENTES,  
 ARGENTINA AND WERE TAKEN ACROSS THE ARGENTINA-PARAGUAY  
 BORDER TO AN ISOLATED REMOTE JUNGLE AREA IN PARAGUAY.

THE CHURCH FIRST OFFICIAL ADVISED THAT ON JUNE 27, 1976, TWO  
 RANSOM NOTES WERE RECEIVED BY THE CHURCH IN POSADAS,  
 ARGENTINA DEMANDING A PAYMENT OF 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS FOR  
 SHAW'S AND LARSON'S RELEASE. THE RANSOM NOTE WAS SIGNED  
 BY THE ORGANIZACION POLITICA MILITAR PARAGUAYA (PARAGUAYAN  
 POLITICAL MILITARY ORGANIZATION) (OPMP). THE NOTES INDICATED  
 THAT RANSOM MONEY WOULD BE UTILIZED TO PURCHASE WEAPONS FOR  
 THE OPMP.

THE CHURCH REPRESENTATIVE ADVISED THAT ON JUNE 29, 1976

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ONE OF SHAW'S AND LARSON'S CAPTORS APPARENTLY HAD A CHANGE  
OF HEART AND NOTIFIED THE <sup>PREVIOUSLY</sup> POLICE, WHO SUBSEQUENTLY RAIDED  
THE HOUSE WHERE THE TWO MISSIONARIES WERE BEING HELD IN ORDER  
TO LIBERATE THEM. A GUN BATTLE ENSUED AND SHAW WAS  
SLIGHTLY WOUNDED IN THE SHOULDER. AT THE PRESENT TIME,  
SHAW AND LARSON ARE AWAITING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IN ENCARNACION,  
PARAGUAY WHICH WERE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON JULY 5, 1976.

BUENOS AIRES INDICES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION CONCERNING  
THE OPMP. IT IS NOTED THAT THE MORMON CHURCH HAS RECENTLY  
BEEN THE SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY CONCERNING AN  
ALLEGED BEQUEST FROM HOWARD HUGHES, WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN THE  
MOTIVATION FOR THE KIDNAPPING.

THE FOREGOING INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE  
U. S. EMBASSY, BUENOS AIRES, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
AND IS ONLY FURNISHED FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU.  
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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JULY 4, 1976, THREE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIESTS AND TWO SEMINARIANS WERE BRUTALLY  
MURDERED IN THE RECTORY OF ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH IN BELGRANO,  
BUENOS AIRES FEDERAL CAPITAL. INITIAL REPORTS INDICATED  
THAT A MESSAGE HAD BEEN SCRAWLED ON A DOOR IN CHALK TO  
THE EFFECT THAT THE CLERGYMEN HAD BEEN ASSASSINATED IN  
RETALIATION FOR THE TERRORIST BOMB ATTACK AGAINST THE  
FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA) DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL  
SECURITY (DFS) HEADQUARTERS ON JULY 2, 1976, WHICH AS OF  
JULY 8, 1976, CLAIMED 21 LIVES. THERE WAS WIDESPREAD  
SPECULATION THAT THE AUTHORS OF THE ASSASSINATION OF THE  
CLERGYMEN MAY HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE SECURITY  
FORCES CARRYING OUT RETALIATION FOR THE JULY 2, 1976 FPA DFS

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HEADQUARTERS BOMBING OR LEFTIST TERRORISTS WHO ASSASSINATED  
THE CLERGYMEN IN ORDER TO MAKE IT APPEAR THAT THE ARGENTINE  
MILITARY GOVERNMENT WAS RESPONSIBLE, THEREBY DISCREDITING  
THE GOVERNMENT.

ON JULY 7, 1976, INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO THE U. S.  
EMBASSY, BUENOS AIRES FROM AN EXTREMELY SENSITIVE <sup>ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT</sup> /SOURCE  
WHICH INDICATED THAT THE FIVE CLERGYMEN HAD BEEN ASSASSINATED  
BY A UNIT OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS)  
WHO DISCOVERED THAT THE CLERGYMEN HAD BEEN HARBORING  
MONTONERO GUERRILLA LEADER MARIO EDUARDO FIRMENICH. INFORMA-  
TION WAS ALSO PASSED TO THE U. S. EMBASSY BY THIS SAME  
SOURCE INDICATING THAT THE AAIS HAD ALSO MURDERED THREE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC NUNS WHO HAD FACILITATED FIRMENICH'S ESCAPE  
FROM ST. PATRICK'S ON JULY 4, 1976. ~~(S)~~ (U)

ON JULY 7, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS  
A RANKING OFFICER OF THE FPA DFS, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING  
INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

AFTER THE JULY 2, 1976 MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION  
BOMBING OF FPA DFS HEADQUARTERS, NUMEROUS FPA OFFICERS  
EMBARKED UPON ACTIVITIES TO RETALIATE AGAINST THE TERRORIST ~~(S)~~ (U)

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~~TOP~~ TARGET FOR THE JULY 2, 1976 BOMBING WHEREIN MANY OF THEIR FRIENDS WERE KILLED AND MAIMED. A GROUP OF SIX FPA NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS HAD INFORMATION INDICATING THAT TWO SEMINARIANS ATTACHED TO ST. PATRICK'S PARISH IN BELGRANO WERE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES AT THE OFFICE OF THE THIRD WORLD MOVEMENT LOCATED A FEW BLOCKS FROM ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH. ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE THIRD WORLD MOVEMENT IS CONSIDERED BY MANY TO BE MARXIST-ORIENTED.

THESE SIX FPA NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, WITHOUT ANY HIGHER AUTHORITY, DECIDED TO CARRY OUT A RETALIATORY ATTACK AGAINST THE TWO SEMINARIANS, WHICH RESULTED IN THE JULY 4, 1976 MURDER OF THE THREE PRIESTS AND TWO SEMINARIANS. IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT THE ASSASSINATION OF THE CLERGYMEN WAS CARRIED OUT WITHOUT ANY SANCTION OR AUTHORITY OF FPA SUPERIOR OFFICERS OR ANY ENTITY OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. ~~(S)~~ (U)

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF THREE NUNS PROVIDED TO THE U. S. EMBASSY ON JULY 7, 1976, AS NOTED ABOVE, IS COMPLETELY ERRONEOUS, IT BEING NOTED THAT NO CATHOLIC NUNS WERE ASSASSINATED OR MISSING DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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THE SOURCE OFFERED HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT INFORMATION PASSED TO THE U. S. EMBASSY ON JULY 7, 1976 WAS PROBABLY A MISGUIDED EFFORT TO MISINFORM <sup>THE</sup> U. S. EMBASSY REGARDING THE ALLEGED PRESENCE OF A RANKING TERRORIST LEADER AT ST. PATRICK'S PARISH IN ORDER TO <sup>GIVE</sup> ~~GET~~ SOME JUSTIFICATION TO THE ATROCIOUS MURDER OF THE FIVE CLERGYMEN ON JULY 4, 1976. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE.. ~~XXXXXX THE~~ ~~THE~~ SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE MARCOTE, ACTING DIRECTOR, FPA DFS. ~~(S)~~ (U)  
COORDINATED LOCALLY.

THE FOREGOING INFORMATION WAS PERSONALLY DISCUSSED WITH ~~THE~~ AMBASSADOR HILL, WHO WAS DEEPLY DISTURBED AT ITS CONTENT. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE U.S. EMBASSY DURING THE MORNING OF JULY 7, 1976, REFERRED TO ABOVE, WAS ALLEGEDLY MADE AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY'S SECURITY OFFICER BY A MEMBER OF PRESIDENT VIDELA'S PRESS OFFICE. DURING THE MORNING OF JULY 8, 1976, THE AMBASSADOR ADVISED ME THAT HE WAS VISITED BY THE PAPAL NUNCIO, WHO CONFIRMED THAT THE STORY CONCERNING THE THREE NUNS HAVING BEEN ASSASSINATED <sup>WAS</sup> ~~IS~~ COMPLETELY WITHOUT ~~(S)~~ (U)

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FOUNDATION, AS WELL AS THE ALLEGATION THAT MARIO FIRMEINICH WAS BEING HARBORED AT ST. PATRICK'S PARISH. THE PAPAL NUNCIO TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT ONE OF THE TWO ASSASSINATED SEMINARIANS DEFINITELY HAD QUESTIONABLE CONNECTIONS AND THAT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY IN ARGENTINA, INCLUDING CARDINAL ARAMBURU, WERE CONVINCED THAT THE MOTIVATION FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF THE FIVE CLERGYMEN ON JULY 4, 1976 WAS ~~POLICE~~ RETALIATION FOR THE JULY 2, 1976 FPA DFS BOMBING. (S) (U)

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ALLEGED HARBORING OF MARIO FIRMEINICH BY THE ASSASSINATED CLERGYMEN AT ST. PATRICK'S & PARISH AND ERRONEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MURDER OF THREE CATHOLIC NUNS WAS REPORTED BY THE U. S. EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES IN A U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE TELEGRAM ON JULY 7, 1976. THIS U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE TELEGRAM WAS HIGHLY CLASSIFIED AND WAS RESTRICTED FROM NORMAL DISTRIBUTION AND DISSEMINATION. (S) (U)

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TO: DIRECTOR (109-12-201) NR. -12

FROM: LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2)(109-103)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE  
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

ON JULY 11, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS AN  
OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE<sup>(AAIS)</sup>, PROVIDED  
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

ACTING ON INFORMATION SECURED FROM CAPTURED MEMBERS OF THE  
PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP), AN ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION,  
COMBINED BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE AND AAIS UNITS RAIDED A  
RESIDENCE IN SAN ANDRES, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, WHICH HAD BEEN  
IDENTIFIED AS AN ERP SAFE HOUSE. THE RAID TOOK PLACE DURING  
THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JULY 10, 1976, AND A VIOLENT SHOOTOUT TOOK  
PLACE BETWEEN THE ERP MEMBERS AT THE RESIDENCE AND SECURITY FORCES.  
AFTER SECURITY FORCES GAINED ENTRANCE TO THE RESIDENCE, THEY  
DISCOVERED THE BODY OF ARGENTINE AIR FORCE LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
ROBERTO ECHEGOYEN, WHO HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED OVER A MONTH AGO BY  
THE ERP. LIEUTENANT COLONEL ECHEGOYEN WAS FOUND CHAINED IN ONE  
OF THE ROOMS IN THE RESIDENCE AND HE HAD BEEN EXECUTED, APPARENTLY  
WHEN SECURITY FORCES APPROACHED THE RESIDENCE. ~~(S)~~ (U) *Rob*

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ADMINISTRATIVE - RE MY CABLE MAY 4, 1976, WHICH REPORTED

[ LIEUTENANT COLONEL ECHEGOYEN'S KIDNAPPING.

SOURCE IS ALBERTO VALIN, DIRECTOR, AAIS. ] (S) (U)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA;  
ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

ON JULY 15, 1976, BRIGADIER GENERAL ALBANO EDUARDO  
HARGUINDEGUY, ARGENTINE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, PROVIDED  
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING ARGENTINE TERRORIST  
ACTIVITIES: ~~(S)~~ (U)

ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES HAVE SCORED CONSIDERABLE  
SUCCESSES AGAINST THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION,  
THE PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP). ARGENTINE <sup>INTELLIGENCE</sup> ~~SECURITY~~  
~~FOR~~ SERVICES HAVE DEVELOPED INFORMATION, JUDGED TO BE  
RELIABLE, THAT THE ERP AND THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZA-  
TIONS WILL JOIN FORCES AND WILL ANNOUNCE THEIR MERGER IN  
A PUBLIC MANIFESTO, WHICH WILL BE ISSUED ON AUGUST 22, 1976,  
THE ANNIVERSARY DATE OF THE SO CALLED TRELEW INCIDENT, DURING  
WHICH SEVERAL ARGENTINE TERRORISTS WERE KILLED BY ARGENTINE ~~(S)~~ (U)

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~~XXXXXXXX~~ <sup>MILITARY</sup> ~~SECURITY~~ FORCES DURING AN ESCAPE ATTEMPT FROM AN ARGENTINE MILITARY DETENTION CENTER. THE REASON FOR THE MERGER IS THAT THE ERP HAS BEEN SEVERELY CRIPPLED DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS BY ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES. (S) (U)

<sup>INTELLIGENCE SERVICES</sup>  
ARGENTINE ~~SECURITY~~ ~~FORCES~~ BELIEVE THAT ERP LEADER, MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO, IS IN BUENOS AIRES, AS WELL AS MONTONERO LEADER, MARIO EDUARDO FIRMENICH. (S) (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE - RE MY EARLIER CABLE OF JULY 15, 1976, WHICH REPORTED INFORMATION DEVELOPED ON JULY 14, 1976, [FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, INDICATING THAT THE AAIS BELIEVED THAT THE ERP WOULD TURN TO THE MONTONEROS FOR SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE. ABOVE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MINISTER OF INTERIOR] <sup>AND ADDS TO THIS</sup> CONFIRMS INFORMATION. (S) (U)

[THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS SECURED FROM THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR] <sup>(S)</sup> DURING A PRIVATE AUDIENCE BETWEEN HIM, THE AMBASSADOR AND ME.

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FROM: LEGAT BUENOS AIRES ((109-2)(109-103))~~SECRET~~FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA;  
ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.ON JULY 15, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS  
A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA),  
DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION), PROVIDED  
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM SEVERAL RECENTLY DETAINED  
MONTONERO GUERRILLA MEMBERS INDICATES THAT THE MONTONEROS  
ARE PLANNING TO INITIATE LARGE SCALE ATTACKS FOR THE PURPOSE  
OF ASSASSINATION & AGAINST SENIOR MILITARY AND POLICE OFFICIALS  
HAVING INTELLIGENCE RESPONSIBILITIES. THE MONTONEROS PLAN  
TO INITIATE THE ASSASSINATION CAMPAIGN ON JULY 20, 1976,  
AND AT THE PRESENT TIME ARE MOVING MEMBERS INTO THE FEDERAL  
CAPITAL OF BUENOS AIRES IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE ASSASSINATION  
OPERATION. (S) (U)~~CLASSIFIED BY 5931 XGDS-2 INDEFINITE.~~ADMINISTRATIVE - [SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE  
MARCOTE, ACTING DIRECTOR, FPA, DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY]

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TO: DIRECTOR (109-12-201) NR. 174-16

FROM: LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2)(109-103)

~~SECRET~~FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA;  
ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

ON JULY 15, 1976, BRIGADIER GENERAL ALBANO EDUARDO HARGUINDEGUY, MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, ADVISED THAT RECENTLY DEVELOPED INTELLIGENCE INDICATES THAT THE ERP GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION SOMETIME DURING 1973 OBTAINED 5,000 INCENDIARY BOMBS FROM GERMANY. THE MINISTER INDICATED THAT THE TYPE OF INCENDIARY BOMB PURCHASED BY THE ERP WAS A TUBULAR DEVICE APPROXIMATELY EIGHTEEN INCHES LONG WITH A SELF-CONTAINED TIMING DEVICE. THE MINISTER REPORTED THAT THE INCENDIARY BOMB PRODUCES AN EXTREMELY INTENSE LONG-LASTING FIRE SIMILAR TO A THERMITE GRENADE. THE MINISTER NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT INQUIRIES BY THE ARGENTINE MILITARY ESTABLISHED THAT THE PARTICULAR INCENDIARY DEVICE IN QUESTION HAS A SAFE LIFE OF TWO YEARS UNDER IDEAL STORAGE CONDITIONS, AND THAT THE ARGENTINE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES BELIEVE THAT THE INCENDIARY DEVICES, OWING TO THE FACT THAT THEY ARE OVER THREE YEARS OLD AND UNDOUBTEDLY STORED IN LESS THAN DESIROUS CONDITIONS, HAVE LOST THEIR EFFECTIVENESS. (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE - ~~THE~~ FOREGOING INTELLIGENCE WAS PROVIDED  
DURING A PRIVATE INTERVIEW BETWEEN THE MINISTER OF THE  
INTERIOR, ~~75~~ AMBASSADOR HILL AND MYSELF. ~~(S)~~ (U)  
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FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (109-2; 109-103)

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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON AUGUST 2, 1976, [A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS  
AN OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS)  
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON JULY 28, 1976, UNITS OF THE AAIS RAIDED THE RESIDENCE  
OF A RECENTLY IDENTIFIED MEMBER OF THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST  
ORGANIZATION, THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP). THE ERP  
RAIDING PARTY SEVERELY WOUNDED <sup>THE</sup> AN ERP MEMBER AND RECOVERED  
A VOLUME OF IMPORTANT ERP DOCUMENTS. ONE OF THE DOCUMENTS  
RECOVERED (THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS PROVIDED BY THE SOURCE)  
WAS A DOCUMENT DATED MAY 30, 1976, CAPTIONED, "DATOS OPERATIVOS"  
(OPERATING DATA). THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS THE NAME, TITLE, (S) (U)

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CURRENT AND FORMER U. S. AND ARGENTINE MEMBERS OF THE U. S. MILITARY GROUP IN ARGENTINA. A NOTATION ON THIS DOCUMENT INDICATES THAT IT HAD BEEN PREPARED BY THE ERP J. S. MANCCINI CELL AND ITS AUTHOR WAS AN ERP MEMBER KNOWN BY THE CODE NAME OF "SERGEANT DIANA." THE DOCUMENT WAS TO HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO THE <sup>R</sup>JUNTA COORDINADORA REVOLUCIONARIA ~~REVOLUTIONARY~~ (COORDINATING/JUNTA). ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE WOUNDED ERP MEMBER IN WHOSE POSSESSION THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED DOCUMENT WAS FOUND, DIED OF HIS WOUNDS ON AUGUST 2, 1976. HOWEVER, BEFORE HE DIED THIS ERP MEMBER ADVISED THAT SEVERAL WEEKS PREVIOUSLY HE HAD SEEN INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THE ERP INTENDED TO ASSASSINATE LT. COL. LLOYD GRACEY OF THE U. S. MILITARY GROUP IN ARGENTINA. IT IS NOTED THAT LT. COL. GRACEY/<sup>RECENTLY</sup>DEPARTED ARGENTINA PERMANENTLY FOR THE UNITED STATES. ~~(S)~~ (U)

IT IS NOTED THAT IN THE RECOVERED ERP DOCUMENT, FIVE ARGENTINE EMPLOYEES OF THE U. S. MILITARY GROUP IN ARGENTINA HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH A RED BALLPOINT PEN X NEXT TO THEIR NAMES ON THE DOCUMENT. THE PURPOSE OF THESE MARKINGS IS UNKNOWN TO THE AAIS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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THE JUNTA COORDINADORA WAS ORGANIZED BY THE ERP AND IN <sup>OTHER TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS</sup> ADDITION TO THE ERP, ITS MEMBERSHIP IS COMPOSED OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (ELN) FROM BOLIVIA, THE MLN-TUPAMAROS FROM URUGUAY, AND THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR) FROM CHILE).

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ADMINISTRATIVE. [SOURCE IS CAPTAIN JUAN LUCERO, AAIS.] (S) (U)

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FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (109-2) (109-103)

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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.ON AUGUST 2, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS  
AN OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS)  
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)IN NUMEROUS CAPTURED DOCUMENTS PICKED UP BY THE AAIS  
FROM THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, THE PEOPLE'S  
REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP), THERE HAS APPEARED INFORMATION  
INDICATING THAT THE ERP PLANNED TO CONDUCT A BLITZ-TYPE  
TERRORIST OPERATION COMMENCING APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS PRIOR  
TO AUGUST 22, 1976 WHEREIN BOMBINGS, ASSASSINATIONS AND OTHER  
TERRORIST ACTS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN ORDER TO DRAMATICALLY  
LEAD UP TO THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE SO-CALLED TRELEW INCIDENT ON  
AUGUST 22, 1976. IT IS NOTED THAT THE TRELEW INCIDENT INVOLVED (S) (U)4 - Bue (109-2)  
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~~NUMEROUS~~ <sup>SEVERAL</sup> CAPTURED TERRORISTS IN TRELEW,  
ARGENTINA BY ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES DURING AN ESCAPE ATTEMPT  
FROM AN ARGENTINE ~~TERRITORIAL~~ <sup>MILITARY</sup> PRISON. THE AAIS BELIEVED  
THAT THE RECENT ELIMINATION OF ~~MANUEL~~ <sup>MARIO</sup> ROBERTO SANTUCHO,  
DOMINGO MENA AND OTHER TOP ERP LEADERS, PLUS THE CAPTURE OF  
IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS REVEALING ERP PLANS DURING THE TEN-DAY  
PERIOD PRECEDING AUGUST 22, 1976, MAY CAUSE SURVIVING ERP  
MEMBERS, WHO ARE BASICALLY WITHOUT LEADERSHIP, TO ABORT  
THEIR PLANS CONCERNING THIS PERIOD; HOWEVER, THE AAIS HAS  
NO POSITIVE INFORMATION CONFIRMING THAT THIS ERP PLAN HAS  
BEEN CALLED OFF. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE. [SOURCE IS COL. ALBERTO VALIN, CHIEF, AAIS.] ~~(S)~~ (U)  
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LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA;  
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On 8/31/76, a confidential source who has provided reliable information in the past, reported the following information: (S) (U)

Various Argentine intelligence agencies have been working on a priority investigation to attempt to establish links between the Cuban Embassy in Buenos Aires and the two major Argentine terrorist organizations, the People's Revolutionary Army (ERP) and the Montoneros. In this connection, a highly classified document was passed through Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) channels indicating that two employees of the Cuban Embassy in Buenos Aires Jesús Cejas Arias and Cresencio Galanena Hernández, were clandestinely picked up by one of the Argentine intelligence services on 8/9/76 in Buenos Aires and under severe interrogation had admitted that they were Cuban Intelligence Service (CUI) officers affiliated with the DGI (U)

According to the SIE document, both CEJAS and GALANENA admitted that they were contacts of the ERP. (S) (U)

On 9/1/76, a second confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past provided the following information: (S) (U)

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NOTE: Re Bue cable, 9/3/76 under the Orestes Ruiz Hernández caption. See Bue file 105-1348.

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RE: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA;  
PPM-CUBA

Officers of the SIZ and the State Secretariat for Information (SIDE) abducted Cejas and Galanena in Buenos Aires on 8/9/76, based on evidence that they were working with the ERP. Cejas and Galanena both admitted that they were CUIS-DGI officers and that they had been in contact with ERP officers in Buenos Aires in connection with the terrorist activities of the latter organization. Cejas and Galanena also provided the identities of other CUIS-DGI officers assigned to the Cuban Embassy in Buenos Aires under diplomatic cover. After intensive interrogation lasting for approximately five days, both Cejas and Galanena were executed. (S) (U)

To cover the disappearance of Cejas and Galanena, their Argentine diplomatic credentials were mailed to the Associated Press office in Buenos Aires on 8/16/76, with a note written by them under duress before they were executed, indicating that they were defecting. (S) (U)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA;  
ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM -ARGENTINA.

ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS  
AN OFFICIAL OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE INTELLIGENCE  
SERVICE, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

DURING THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 1976, MEMBERS OF THE  
MONTONERO TERRORIST ORGANIZATION ASSASSINATED CARLOS BALZA, AN  
EXECUTIVE OF THE CHRYSLER CORPORATION NEAR HIS RESIDENCE IN RAMOS  
MEJIA, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. IT IS NOTED THAT THE CHRYSLER  
CORPORATION AND OTHER AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURERS IN ARGENTINA HAVE  
BEEN THE OBJECTS OF VARIOUS WORK STOPPAGES AND STRIKES DURING THE  
PAST SEVERAL DAYS, IN ORDER TO DEMAND HIGHER WAGES. THE CHRYSLER  
CORPORATION ANNOUNCED IT WOULD SUMMARILY DISMISS ANY EMPLOYEE,  
WHO TOOK PART IN WORK STOPPAGES OR UNAUTHORIZED STRIKES.

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ADMINISTRATIVE - SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR OSVALDO DE

BALDRICH, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.

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Special Agent in Charge

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THE AMBASSADOR  
BUENOS AIRES

9/28/76

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERNER

UNDOCUMENTED THREAT AGAINST UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC  
ESTABLISHMENTS IN ARGENTINA, CHILE and URUGUAY

On 9/17/76 and 9/28/76, a confidential source who  
has provided reliable information in the past, provided the  
following: ~~(S)~~ (U)

Information was received on 9/14/76 by one of the  
Argentina Armed Forces Intelligence Services indicating that  
an individual under detention in Bolivia had disclosed the  
possibility of synchronized hostile terrorist action being taken  
against the U. S. Embassies in Buenos Aires, Argentina,  
Montevideo, Uruguay and Santiago, Chile. The information provided  
by the individual under detention in Bolivia did not specify the  
identity of the terrorist group or groups that planned to take  
this action. The information was passed to the Argentine Military  
Intelligence Service in question by the Bolivians with the request  
that any information available be provided to the Bolivians to  
assist in their interrogation of the individual under detention. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The receiving Argentine Military Intelligence Service,  
after canvassing the other Argentine Military Intelligence  
Services, as well as appropriate Federal and Provincial Police  
Intelligence Services, were unable to develop any information  
indicating that imminent synchronized hostile terrorist action  
against the U. S. Embassies in Montevideo, Buenos Aires and  
Santiago was currently being planned by Argentine terrorists. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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REF: UNDOCUMENTED THREAT AGAINST UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC  
ESTABLISHMENTS IN ARGENTINA, CHILE AND URUGUAY

The receiving Argentine Military Intelligence Service rated the above information as originating from a source whose reliability had not been established and who obviously was being pressured under severe interrogation by the Bolivians. The receiving Argentine Military Intelligence Service, in evaluating the information, rated it as highly improbable, specifically with regard to synchronized terrorist attacks against U. S. diplomatic establishments in Uruguay, Argentina and Chile. (U)

The foregoing information should not be discussed with any foreign officials, including those of the Argentine, Bolivian, Chilean or Uruguayan Governments.

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ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, [WHO IS  
CONNECTED WITH THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE] PROVIDED (S)(U)  
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

"OPERATION CONDOR" IS THE CODE NAME FOR THE COLLECTION,  
EXCHANGE AND STORAGE OF INTELLIGENCE DATA CONCERNING SOCALLED  
"LEFTISTS," COMMUNISTS AND MARXISTS, WHICH WAS RECENTLY  
ESTABLISHED BETWEEN COOPERATING INTELLIGENCE SERVICES IN SOUTH  
AMERICA IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE MARXIST TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN  
THE AREA. IN ADDITION, "OPERATION CONDOR" PROVIDES FOR JOINT

1 - 109-10 (FPM-BOLIVIA) 1 - 109-FPM PARAGUAY)  
1 - 109-1 (FPM-Uruguay) (1 - 157-UNSUBS; ASSASSINATION OF ORLANDO  
1 - 80-84 (POIRE) (S) II  
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OPERATIONS AGAINST TERRORIST TARGETS IN MEMBER COUNTRIES OF "OPERATION CONDOR." CHILE IS THE CENTER FOR "OPERATION CONDOR" AND IN ADDITION TO CHILE ITS MEMBERS INCLUDE ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, PARAGUAY, <sup>AND</sup> URUGUAY. BRAZIL ALSO HAS TENTATIVELY AGREED TO SUPPLY INTELLIGENCE INPUT FOR "OPERATION CONDOR." MEMBERS OF "OPERATION CONDOR" SHOWING THE MOST ENTHUSIASM TO DATE HAVE BEEN ARGENTINA, URUGUAY AND CHILE. THE LATTER THREE COUNTRIES HAVE ENGAGED IN JOINT OPERATIONS, PRIMARILY IN ARGENTINA, AGAINST THE TERRORIST TARGET. DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 1976, THE [DIRECTOR OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE TRAVELED TO SANTIAGO, CHILE, TO CONSULT WITH HIS CHILEAN COUNTERPARTS] WITH RESPECT TO "OPERATION CONDOR."

A THIRD AND MOST SECRET PHASE OF "OPERATION CONDOR" INVOLVES THE FORMATION OF SPECIAL TEAMS FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES WHO ARE TO TRAVEL ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD TO NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES TO CARRY OUT SANCTIONS UP TO ASSASSINATIONS AGAINST TERRORISTS OR SUPPORTERS OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS FROM "OPERATION CONDOR" MEMBER COUNTRIES. FOR EXAMPLE, SHOULD A TERRORIST OR A SUPPORTER OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION FROM A MEMBER COUNTRY OF "OPERATION CONDOR" BE LOCATED IN A EUROPEAN COUNTRY, A SPECIAL

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TEAM FROM "OPERATION CONDOR" WOULD BE DISPATCHED TO LOCATE AND SURVEIL THE TARGET. WHEN THE LOCATION AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATION HAS TERMINATED, A SECOND TEAM FROM "OPERATION CONDOR" WOULD BE DISPATCHED TO CARRY OUT THE ACTUAL SANCTION AGAINST THE TARGET. SPECIAL TEAMS WOULD BE ISSUED FALSE DOCUMENTATION FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES OF "OPERATION CONDOR" AND MAY BE COMPOSED EXCLUSIVELY OF <sup>INDIVIDUALS</sup> ~~NATIONS~~ FROM ONE MEMBER NATION OF "OPERATION CONDOR" OR MAY BE COMPOSED OF A MIXED GROUP FROM VARIOUS "OPERATION CONDOR" MEMBER NATIONS. TWO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED FOR POSSIBLE OPERATIONS UNDER THE THIRD PHASE OF "OPERATION CONDOR" ~~WERE~~ <sup>WERE</sup> ~~ARE~~ FRANCE AND PORTUGAL.

A SPECIAL TEAM HAS BEEN ORGANIZED <sup>(SIDE)</sup> [ IN ARGENTINA MADE UP OF MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE AND THE STATE SECRETARIAT FOR INFORMATION ] WHICH ARE BEING PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION UNDER THE THIRD PHASE OF "OPERATION CONDOR."

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(2 CR 3 1f) ADMINISTRATIVE - SOURCE IS DR. ARTURO HORACIO POIRE, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE ARGENTINE SPECIAL GROUP, WHICH WILL POSSIBLY PARTICIPATE IN THE THIRD PHASE OF "OPERATION CONDOR." COORDINATED LOCALLY.

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IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED INDICATING THAT SANCTIONS UNDER THE THIRD PHASE OF "OPERATION CONDOR" HAVE BEEN PLANNED TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE UNITED STATES; HOWEVER, IT IS NOT BEYOND THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY THAT THE RECENT ASSASSINATION OF ORLANDO LETELIER IN WASHINGTON, D. C. MAY HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT AS A THIRD PHASE ACTION OF "OPERATION CONDOR." AS NOTED ABOVE, INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE SOURCE INDICATES THAT PARTICULAR EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON THE THIRD PHASE ACTIONS OF "OPERATION CONDOR" IN EUROPE, SPECIFICALLY FRANCE AND PORTUGAL. THIS OFFICE WILL REMAIN ALERT FOR ANY INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THE ASSASSINATION OF LETELIER MAY BE PART OF "OPERATION CONDOR" ACTION.

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